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Hi Kate,

I'm forwarding a draft EPA press statement in advance of releasing it in response to media inquiries. Would you let me know if any changes are needed to ensure accuracy?

Thanks so much.

Deborah

Acting Regional Administrator
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USEPA Holding Statement
Platform Elly Spill, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA (NRC#1318471)
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On October 2 at 0900 Pacific Time a leak was detected in a pipeline at Platform Elly, located 8.6 miles from the Orange County Coast, near Huntington Beach. A sheen was observed over an offshore area up to 10 miles long and 5 miles wide. The sheen was reported to the National Response Center and the current worst-case discharge is 144,000 gallons or 3,500 barrels of crude oil. Beta Operating Company LLC, the Responsible Party, has reported that the source has been secured and has contracted cleanup companies.

The discharge is in US Coast Guard jurisdiction and USCG Sector LA-Long Beach has established a Unified Command. The Responsible Party has established an Incident Command Post and entered Unified Command with the US Coast Guard, California Office of Emergency Services, and California Department of Fish & Wildlife. NOAA Scientific Support has prepared trajectory models. Skimming and protective booming operations are underway. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife and California Office of Emergency Services is on-scene responding to the spill. Orange County is also standing up response assets.

USEPA Region 9's Regional Response Team hosted an Incident Specific call on the evening of October 2. EPA's Regional Response Team Co-Chair, Co-Coordinator and place-based EPA R9 OSCs participated in the meeting. USEPA has reached out to USCG Sector LA-Long Beach to offer assistance.

USEPA HQ Emergency Operations Center will continue to issue Spot Report updates to this incident as information becomes available.

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